

Dayton, Oregon

Sat. Oct. 3rd

Hi Vicki and Jim;

Seems I should write you a letter! I've been pretty busy these last several days again-back to the Lafayette P.O. while the postmaster goes hunting and then later while the clerk goes hunting with her husband for a week! So I meet myself coming and going almost.

Summer has returned for a gay fling-the past week and more has been really nice-altho there has been a temperature inversion over Portland and the valley to a lesser extent all week-no wind and the upper air keeps the bad air trapped near the ground so the pollution haze in Portland has been in the high 80's and 90's which is very poor! Too much civilization even around here, I guess-Last night we went to the football game and it was so warm and nice I took off my light jacket and sat there in blouse sleeves! We had a bit of trouble with Sheridan at first but went on to win 26 to 13-Louise and Jim are here this week and went with us last night-also Margaret, who is having her arm in a sling from a swelling due to an infection so she can't work-They all came to the house and we had boysenberry cobbler .

Louise and Jim are here planning what they will do with that part of grandpa's farm they are buying-did I tell you they were planning to buy, build a house near the canyon on it and move up here next spring? Well, they are-guess they are really fed up with the crowded and hectic life in Calif. and in the motel business particularly! They will tear down the barn one of these times and plant the acreage that isn't in peaches to filbert trees -this will all be quite a change for them and also for the folks and the farm-it's a big undertaking as there will have to be a well drilled and everything-and a little road through the barnyard and pasture to the house-last night they were still deep in discussions and ideas for the placing of the house and just what it should be like with your dad-the whole idea of their taking it over and moving up to Dayton is almost too much for me to take in yet but they seem determined that this is what they want so it will be real nice to have them living so close again-I keep reminding them of how much it can rain and how many grey days we can have during the winter but they say they don't care-this afternoon we are driving to the beach with them-it should be beautiful over there-we drove over last Sunday and the trees in the mountains and valleys are getting very bright and colorful and it was so warm and nice on the

beach I stripped down to my bikini and sunbathed behind some logs at Pacific City-dad watched the dories coming in and out but no one seemed to be catching any fish but all were having a gay time in the nice weather-I think everybody went to the coast-traffic was very heavy both coming and going-

Ken helped Debbie finish moving down to the apartment that she and 3 other girls are sharing while going to Portland Community College last Saturday and we haven't seen him since-I told them as they left that we would still be looking for them to be out on weekends to visit the old home folks! But I don't know if they will be out this weekend or not-I hope he will come frequently, at least as it's lonesome around here with just us rattling around- Did I write you since Jerry called? He didn't have anything special to say just wanted to talk-tomorrow is his birthday and I sure wish he could be home for a nice dinner -Kinda miss him, and both of you, too-

How is college coming along? I'm anxious to see how it may differ from Oregon schools-Have you been out hiking anymore? I imagine you may have-It is so good to get out into the wilds and trails and mountains, etc. when the weather is good, that is! Has summer quit it's hot hold on the eastern seaboard yet? Any weather news we seem to hear from back there indicates that it still is warm, or should I say, hot??

The grapes got ripe this year (they actually didn't last year) and I've been making grape jelly and also canning tomatoes lately-but that will end my canning season, I'm sure.

Dad is still working most of the time at the log lodge and we plan to take Louise and Jim up there tomorrow afternoon and probably take a picnik lunch because it's so pretty up there on a good day-

Grandpa and Frances are on a trip to North Dakota with Uncle ##### Orie and Aunt Willie -they were in Montana the last card we had and that was written on Wed. They'll come back through Canada probably and be home in about a week-

Well, dears, I must get busy here at the office so will sign off and hope to hear from you real soon-how is the beard growing coming along, Jim? And how are you liking your work at the lab? real well, I hope-

Lots of love,

*Mom & Dad.*